

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

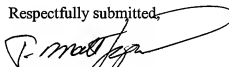
After entry of this amendment, claims 13-19 will remain pending in this application. Claims 1-12 stand subject to a restriction requirement and have been cancelled.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal notice of allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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